

482.2 Definitions.

As used in [this chapter](#), unless the context otherwise requires:

1. “*Boundary waters*” means the waters of the Mississippi, Missouri, and Big Sioux rivers.
2. “*Commercial fish helper*” means a person who is licensed by the state to assist a commercial fisher or a commercial roe harvester in operating commercial gear or in taking, attempting to take, possessing, or transporting commercial fish, roe species, roe, or turtles.
3. “*Commercial fisher*” means a person who is licensed by the state to take, attempt to take, possess, transport, sell, barter, or trade turtles or turtle eggs, commercial fish except roe species, or fish parts except roe.
4. “*Commercial fishing*” means taking, attempting to take, possessing, or transporting of commercial fish or turtles for the purpose of selling, bartering, trading, offering, or exposing for sale.
5. “*Commercial gear*” means the capturing equipment used by commercial fishers, commercial roe harvesters, and commercial turtle harvesters.
6. “*Commercial roe buyer*” means a person who is licensed by the state to engage in the business of buying, selling, bartering, or trading of roe and roe species.
7. “*Commercial roe harvester*” means a person who is licensed by the state to engage in the harvest and sale, barter, or trade of roe and roe species.
8. “*Commercial species*” means species of fish and turtles which may be lawfully taken and sold by commercial fishers, commercial roe harvesters, and commercial turtle harvesters, as established by rule by the commission.
9. “*Commercial turtle buyer*” means a person who is licensed by the state to engage in the business of buying, selling, bartering, or trading commercial turtles or turtle eggs.
10. “*Commercial turtle harvester*” means a person who is licensed by the state to take, attempt to take, possess, transport, and sell, barter, or trade commercial turtles or turtle eggs.
11. “*Commercial turtle harvesting*” means taking, attempting to take, possessing, or transporting of commercial turtles or turtle eggs for the purpose of selling, bartering, trading, offering, or exposing for sale.
12. “*Commercial turtle helper*” means a person who is licensed by the state to assist a commercial turtle harvester in operating commercial gear, or in taking, attempting to take, possessing, or transporting commercial turtles or turtle eggs.
13. “*Constant attendance*” means the presence of a commercial fisher whenever commercial gear is in use.
14. “*Director*” means the director of the department of natural resources, and the director’s duly authorized assistants, deputies, or agents.
15. “*Game fish*” means all species and size categories of fish not included as “commercial species” or minnows.
16. “*Inland waters of the state*” means all public waters of the state excluding the boundary waters of the Mississippi, Big Sioux, and Missouri rivers.
17. “*Licensed commercial gear*” means any commercial gear that is licensed as provided in [this chapter](#) and that, when in use, has the proper tags attached as provided by [this chapter](#).
18. “*Nonresident or alien*” means a person who does not qualify as a resident as defined in [section 483A.1A](#).
19. “*Resident*” means a person as defined in [section 483A.1A](#).
20. “*Roe*” means fish eggs.
21. “*Roe species*” means fish harvested for their eggs. Roe species include but are not limited to shovelnose sturgeon and bowfin and any other fish defined as roe species by the commission by rule.
22. “*Waters of the state*” means all of the waters under the jurisdiction of the state.

[86 Acts, ch 1141, §2](#)

[C87, §109B.2](#)

[91 Acts, ch 170, §1](#)

[C93, §482.2](#)

[2009 Acts, ch 144, §22](#)